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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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07/03/2014: Jim, G3VDB, will be active again from the Vilamendhoo Island Resort (WW Loc. MJ63LP), island of Vilamendhoo, South Ari Atoll (WLOTA 0317), Maldive Islands (AS-013), with a focus on the BERU Contest (8-9 March). QRV holiday style as 8Q7EJ on the HF bands using CW and SSB between 3-10 March 2014. Jim reports - "The radio aims are: to operate in the 24hour BERU contest; to get my last two US States (DE, ND) for WAS, and give as many as possible a confirmed 8Q7 QSO. All outstanding QSLs and OQRS will be processed after my return". [DX World]

07/03/2014: Andy, UA3AA, is now active as 9N7AA from Pokhara (WW Loc. NL18XE), Nepal, until 23 May 2014. Due to RFI issues and S9+ noise level, Andy asks you have patience when trying to work him. QSL via direct only to: Andy Gromov, PO Box 873, Brooklyn, NY 11230, USA. [DX World]

07/03/2014: Iain, M0PCB and Steve, M0SPF are currently active from Old Towne, St. Peters Parish, island of Montserrat (NA-103, WLOTA 1475, WW Loc. FK86VR) as VP2MXI (CW) and VP2MZR (SSB/RTTY), respectively, until 10th March 2014. Operation will be holiday style with an entry into the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (8-9 March). QSL via LoTW, Clublog OQRS, direct via M0PCB or via bureau to home calls. [DX World]

08/03/2014: David, VK3BY, will be active as T88XT from Malakal Island, State of Koror, Republic of Palau (OC-009, WW Loc. PJ77FH) between 8-14th March 2014. David will be there with his XYL, so this will be a holiday style operation. Activity will be SSB only on 80-6 metres. QSL via his home call, direct (w/3 USDs), by the bureau or eQSL. [OPDX Bulletin]

10/03/2014: Operators Manfred DK1BT, Csaba DH7KU, Tom DJ6TF, Manfred DK1BT, Georg DK7LX, Wolf DL4WK, Sigi DL7DF, Juergen DL7UFN, Frank DL7UFR, Jan SP3CYY and Leszek SP3DOI will be active from Gorakana, Moratuwa (Grid Loc. MJ96), Colombo District, Western Province, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (AS-003, WLOTA 0762), as 4S7DRG, 4S7FRG and 4S7LXG between 10-23 March 2014. They plan activity with several stations on 160m to 6m on CW, SSB - one station will be exclusively dedicated to RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. The QSL-Route is via DL7DF either direct (Sigi Presch DL7DF, Wilhelmsmuehlenweg 123, 12621 Berlin, Germany) or via the German QSL bureau DARC to DL7DF. Full details and updates at: www.dl7df.com/4s7/index.php [DX World]

10/03/2014: Alexander, RX0QM, is a member of the 59th Russian Antarctic Expedition. Approx 10th March 2014 he will replace current operator Oleg, RI1ANU, at Bellingshausen Station (AA UA-04, WAP RUS-01, WWFF RFF-154) on King George Island (WLOTA 0312), South Shetlands Islands (AN-010), and be active on HF bands as RI59ANT until 26th November 2014. QSL via Op's instruction. Website: www.qrz.com/db/RI59ANT [DX World]

10/03/2014: Todd, KC1SQ, is planning on going "sailboat mobile" out of Placencia Village, Stann Creek District, Belize, between 10-18th March 2014. He has obtained the local callsign V31SQ. Operations will be low power (100W) with

an Icom IC-7000 w/AH-4 tuner into a simple wire going up the mast of their 42 foot sailboat. Operation will all be SSB, and he will likely concentrate on 40/20/15/10m bands. QSLs to his home call, direct or bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

12/03/2014: Jim, W7EJ, will once again activate CN2R from Casablanca, Morocco, between 12-30th March 2014. QRV on all bands, holiday style, including a Multi-Single entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (29-30 March) from CQ zone 33. QSL via W7EJ. Website: cn2r.net/cn2r/ [NG3K]

12/03/2014: Andy, DK5ON, will be active from the island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between 12-29th March, 2014 as PJ2/DK5ON. QRV on 80-6 metre (WARC bands included) SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via home call. Website: www.qrz.com/db/DK5ON [DX World]

13/03/2014: Look for Aki, JR3QFB and Take, JS6RRR to be active from the island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033) as P40JH and P40R, respectively, between 13-18th March 2014. Plans are to be QRV holiday style on 160-6 metres, all modes. QSL via their home calls. [DX World]

13/03/2014: Franz, OE2SNL, has planned a suitcase DXpedition to Chatham Island (OC-038, WLOTA 1627) as ZL7/OE2SNL between 13-26 March, 2014. QRV on 80-10 metre CW and RTTY. Further information, including online log and QSL info can be found at: www.oe2snl.at/zl7-oe2snl-2014/ [DX World]

14/03/2014: Maurizio, IK2GZU, will once again return to the Mission Ilembula. Tanzania, to do some work at the new hospital and orphanage between 14th March and 11th April 2014. He plans to be active during his spare time as 5H3MB on the HF bands. Maurizio will use his FT-100 and the mission's TS-850 into a tri-band 3 element beam (20/15/10m) fixed on Europe and a vertical or dipole for the other bands. QSL via IK2GZU, direct or bureau. Also, QSL via LoTW (after his return home) and eQSL. For more details, updates and an online log, visit his Web pages at: www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/Tanzania%202011.htm and www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qsl%20request.htm [OPDX Bulletin]

14/03/2014: Look for Peter, EI7CC, to be active once again as 7P8PB from Maseru (WW Loc. KG30RQ), Kingdom of Lesotho beween 14 March and 3 April 2014. Activity will be holiday style on all bands from the shack of Gerry, 7P8CC (EI8CC). QSL via EI7CC direct or EI bureau. Log will be hosted by ClubLog. [NG3K]

14/03/2014: Masa, JA0RQV, plans to visit Tonga again, and will QRV as A35JP from 14th to 20th March 2014 from Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu Island (OC-049, Grid Loc. AG28), Kingdom of Tonga. Since it is not DX vacation but business trip, the operation will be during his spare time after primary business, mostly at night in Tongan time (UTC+13h) and week end. QRV on 80-6 metre CW and SSB, using IC-7000 (100W) and Vertical. QSL via home call, by the bureau, LoTW and direct with SASE w/1IRC (Masato Tamura, 2086-13 Daitakubo, Minami-ku, Saitama-city 336-0015 Japan). Further info and updates on his website at: http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv [DxCoffee]

14/03/2014: Kazu, M0CFW, plans to be active as MJ0CFW from St. Brelade, isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818, WW Loc. IN89VE) from 14-16th March 2014. QRV on the HF bands. His main focus will be on the Russian DX Contest and BARTG RTTY Contest (15-16 March) using the callsign MJ5Z. QSL via M0CFW and LoTW. [NG3K]

14/03/2014: Operators Ismael XE1AY, Alejandro XE1FAS, David XE1REW, Gustavo XE1KKK, Enrique XE2AA, Jorge XE2AMS, Benjamin XE2AU and Juan XE2AY will be active as XF1T from Cocinas Island (IOTA NA-189), in front of Punta Perula, Jalisco (WW Loc. DK79TC) on 14-17th March, 2014. QRV on 160-10 metre CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31, near the usual IOTA frequencies. Satellite and 6m also. QSL via

IT9EJW, OQRS. Logsearch on ClubLog after the DXpedition. [IT9EJW]

14/03/2014: Guests of the Catamaran "Cush" sailing the Caribbean Sea, look for Simone, HP2/IK5RUN and Danio, HP2/I5OYY to be active from two Panamanian island groups between 15 March and 2 April 2014. They plan to be QRV from the San Blas Archipelago (IOTA NA-170) and the Colon-Veraguas group (IOTA NA-202) during this period. QRV holiday style on 80-6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. [DX World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

29/03/2014: Lukas, HB9EBT, willl be active as D44TEG from Tarrafal, located in the northern part of the island of Santiago (AF-005, Grid Loc. HK85) in the Sotavento Islands of Cape Verde, from 29th March until 5th April 2014. QRV on CW, PSK, RTTY; 20-10m. QSL via HB9EBT, direct or bureau. [DX World]

29/03/2014: Look for Bob, WP2XX, to be active as WP2Z during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (29-30 March) as a Single-Op entry from the Windwood contest station, on the North shore of the island of St. Croix (USi VI-002S, WLOTA 2477, CQ zone 8), US Virgin Islands (NA-106). QSL via KU9C. [NG3K]

02/04/2014: Operators Rob N7QT, Melanie AB1UH, Hugh W4VAB and Guy N7UN have planned a holiday style, suitcase expedition, to the island of San Andres (NA-033, WLOTA 2990, WWFF HKFF-035) using the callsign 5J0X. QRV between 2-14 April 2014 on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and PSK. The operation will be primarily holiday style. Logs will be uploaded during the operation to Clublog and to LoTW shortly after the mini-DXpedition. QSL direct to N7QT. No eQSLs. IRCs are acceptable. ARRL Bureau cards acceptable. Direct QSLs with 2 US$ will be returned via international postage otherwise via the ARRL Bureau. [DX World]

05/04/2014: Victor, CE1WFN plans to be active from Easter Island [aka Rapa Nui, Isla de Pascua] (SA-001, DICE ICE-001, WLOTA 0319, WWFF CEFF-027) between 5-17th April 2014 as CE0Y/CE1WFN. QRV on the HF bands. QSL via home call. [DX World]

05/04/2014: Jean-Marc, F5SGI, will be active as CT9/F5SGI from Ilha da Madeira [Madeira Island] (IOTA AF-014, DIP MA-001, PIP MD-001, WLOTA 0053) between 5-12th April 2014. QRV on 80-10 metres, mainly CW. QSL via home call, either bureau or direct. [NG3K]

09/04/2014: Look for Hans DL6JGN, Ronald PA3EWP and Guenter DL2AWG to be signing KH8/homecalls from Ofu Island (OC-077, USi AS002S, WLOTA 3053), Manu'a County, American Samoa, between 9-20th April 2014. Plans are to be QRV on 40m to 10m using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will use 2x K3 and PA 600W with Monoband GP's from their QTH which is unobstructed to north direction, ie no hills. QSL via home calls. Website: www.ofu2014.de/ [DX World]

04/05/2014: Look for Joerg, DL4HTK and Torsten DO5AD to be active from Liechtenstein as HB0DRK and HB0YRK, respectively, between 4-18th May 2014. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via home calls. [NG3K]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

07/03/2014: Normunds Sne, YL3DQ, is now active as YL2014C from Riga, Latvia, until 30th November during Europe's Cultural Capital City of 2014. QRV on 160 to 10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. It is not necessary to send your QSL - all contacts will be confirmed with bureau QSLs after the activity. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW once in a month at least. Website and Riga-European Capital of Culture-2014 Award information can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/YL2014C [ARRL DX News]

12/03/2014: From 12-18th March 2014 look for the following stations to be active to celebrate ARRL's centennial year: W1AW/7 operated by Ed AA7A located

in the city of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, State of Arizona and W1AW/8 operated by Steve N8BJQ located in the city of New Carlisle, Champaign County, State of Ohio. QSLs preferred via the bureau. [ARRL]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

10/03-23/03 4S7DRG: Sri Lanka Island WLOTA:0762 QSL DL7DF (d/B)
10/03-23/03 4S7FRG: Sri Lanka Island WLOTA:0762 QSL DL7DF (d/B)
10/03-23/03 4S7LXG: Sri Lanka Island WLOTA:0762 QSL DL7DF (d/B)
10/03-30/11 RI59ANT: King Georges Island WLOTA:0312 QSL Op's Info
12/03-29/03 PJ2/DK5ON: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d/B)
13/03-18/03 P40JH: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL JR3QFB (d/B)
13/03-18/03 P40R: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL JS6RRR (d/B)
13/03-26/03 ZL7/OE2SNL: Chatham Island WLOTA:1627 QSL H/c (d/B)
14/03-15/03 MJ0CFW: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL M0CFW (d)

6 METRES & UP -
08/03-09/03 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 6m class 08 1200z-09 2359z
09/03 RSGB 70MHz Cumulatives #2 SO/Fixed/Open 1000z-1200z
09/03-10/03 Wisconsin QSO Party 6m-70cm classes 09 1800z-10 0100z
10/03-23/03 4S7DRG: Sri Lanka AS-003 Grid:MJ96 6m CW/SSB 100W 5el QSL DL7DF (d/B)
10/03-23/03 4S7FRG: Sri Lanka AS-003 Grid:MJ96 6m CW/SSB 100W 5el QSL DL7DF (d/B)
10/03-23/03 4S7LXG: Sri Lanka AS-003 Grid:MJ96 6m CW/SSB 100W 5el QSL DL7DF (d/B)
11/03 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
11/03 NRAU 432MHz Activity Contest Open/SO/MO 1800z-2200z
11/03 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
11/03 SPAC 432MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
11/03 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
13/03 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
13/03 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
13/03 SPAC 50MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
14/03-17/03 XF1T: Cocinas Island NA-189 Grid:DK79TC 6m+Satellite QSL IT9EJW (OQRS)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_mar.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: 5N7Q, 5V7D, 5W1SA, 5X1RO, 7U50I, 7X2ARA, 9L0W, A52MA, DU1/JJ5GMJ, FG/F6ARC, FO/DF1YP, HB0Y/PD5AX, HH2/9A7GAE, JT1RF, KP2/K5WE, PJ4NX, TM5FI, YN2CC, ZK3T and ZM9ODX.

QSLs via Direct: 7O2A (UA3DX), 3DA0ET (N7RO), BY4IB/4 [AS-146] (H/c) CY0P (VE1RGB), FO4BM (F4FJH), HL5IVL (QRZ.com), HS0ZCW (QRZ.com), JY9FC (E73Y OQRS), T6ZG (ON6ZG), VU7AG (W4VKU OQRS), XR0YY (EB7DX OQRS), YB4IR/8 (OQRS), YW5X (DM4TI) and ZS8C [AF-021] (ZR6CWI OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: GU6EFB, IT84BLB, LX1NO, TF/DL5LYM and VK0TH.

BITS & PIECES -

In Memory of Nancy Kott, WZ8C (FISTS #00379)
>From Tim Lange, Nancy's OM
My wife Nancy passed away Sunday March 2, 2014. She endured many years of medical challenges and is now resting peacefully. She is leaving a empty spot in my heart as I'm sure it is the same for all of you. Thank you for the outpouring of sympathy that I have already received. She has touched so many people around the world.
I am enclosing a link to her brief obit. There are no services planned at this time. She is being cremated at this time per her wishes.
I realize my contact list is not up to date today. Please forward this message to anyone that might like to know (and copy to me so I can update my list).
Tim Lange
Timclange[-at-]msn.com

In Memory of
Nancy Anne Kott
October 27, 1955 - March 2, 2014
KOTT, NANCY age 58 of Metamora, MI., died Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. Memorial Services will be announced at a later date. Nancy was born October 27, 1955 in Hamtramck, MI., to parents Kenneth and Irene (Keller) Kott. She was head of the North American Branch of the Preservation of Morse Code (FISTS). Nancy worked for the U.S. Census Bureau and the Center for Disease Control. Surviving are husband Tim Lange; parents Kenneth and Irene Kott; sister-in-law Diane Kott and many other relatives. She was preceded in death by her brother Paul Kott. Arrangements by the Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S. Saginaw St, Grand Blanc, MI.
Condolences may be left on-line at www.hillfh.com/

TROMELIN 2014 - Offcial Press release # 2 -
Concerning *Tromelin 2014*, a lot of work has been done since our previous press release.

First of all, we are extremely proud and grateful of the mobilization of the amateur radio community. We want to thank the major sponsors who joined our project. In the same way, a large number of smaller clubs have shown much generosity. You can find all our contributors on the dedicated web page <http://www.tromelin2014.com/en/how-to-help-us/>.

The budget is not balanced yet and all kinds of help will be necessary to make this expedition possible.

Please *Read full Press Release
<mip://0697eb38/Read%20full%20Press%20Release%20>*on our web site:
http://www.tromelin2014.com/en/news/press-release-2/#

Forwarded with 73, by
Maurice, F5NQL, F6KOP member
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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